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**PREPARE
YOUR CAR**

BEFORE THE SNOW AND ICE ARRIVE...

Increase traction.

- Change to snow or all-weather tires.
- At least make sure you have good tread.

Increase visibility.

- Check your lights and wiper blades.
- Clean your windows.
- Adjust your rear-view mirrors.

Stock your car with some basics.

For the snow...

- Shovel
- Scraper and brush



For roadside emergencies...

- Flashlight
- Warning devices—
such as reflective strips or flares

For yourself...

- First aid kit
- Extra warm clothes
- Boots



**PLAN
AHEAD**

WHEN THE SNOW AND ICE ARRIVE...

Listen to your radio and TV for weather and travel information.

Call your local travel hotline.

Use your personal judgement in getting to work.

- Make safe and reasonable choices.
- Consider delaying your departure until conditions improve.
- But, if you feel it is unsafe to drive, you may wish to make specific work arrangements with your supervisor.



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CONTROL
YOUR CAR

AFTER THE SNOW AND ICE HAVE ARRIVED...

If you do decide to drive...



Always allow extra time to get to work and to get home.

Drive slowly.

- Keep a steady, slow speed.
- Allow extra distance between you and the car in front of you.
- Use the highest gear possible to reduce spinning your tires.
- Change speed and direction...**slowly**.

Watch out for ice.

Ice will form first and last longest...

- On and under bridges and overpasses
- In shady spots
- At intersections

Watch out for black ice.

Brake slowly by planning ahead.

- First—lower the gear to reduce speed.
- Second—allow your speed to fall.
- Third—break gently.

With anti-locking brakes...

- Apply firm, steady pressure.

Without anti-locking brakes...

- Gently pump the break to prevent wheel lock-up.



4-wheel drivers need to remember...

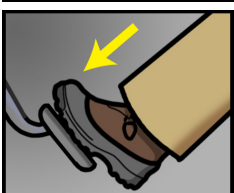
- Do not be overconfident.
- 4-wheel drive helps you GO, it never helps you STOP.

If you skid...use the right controls.



For rear-wheel drive...

- First—take your foot off the accelerator.
- Second—steer the front wheels in the direction of the skid until control is regained.



For front-wheel drive...

- Apply some power gently to the accelerator. This will help pull the car straight.

Make your own safe choices.

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